

## **Campus Public Safety News August 2007**

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and the University and College Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) are encouraged to share the following information with their members:

### *Homeland Security*

#### Possibility of Sectarian Violence Spilling Over to the United States

In July 2007, the FBI Counterterrorism Division issued an Intelligence Bulletin titled, "Possibility of Sectarian Violence from Iraq Spilling Over to the United States." The Bulletin, which is *Unclassified//For Official Use Only* states, "There is some danger that sectarian violence, generally limited to Iraq, could extend beyond Iraq's borders, including to expatriate communities in the United States. In addition, the impending proposed admission of approximately 7,000 Iraqi refugees to the United States could usher in new ethnic, political, and religious rivalries by bringing into the United States individuals who have been personally affected by the rampant violence in Iraq."

This Intelligence Bulletin is available at Law Enforcement OnLine.

#### Recent Threat Assessment

The Virginia Fusion Center along with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently released a threat assessment asking that state and local law enforcement maintain a state of constant vigilance. The assessment states the following: (U//FOUO) "DHS and the FBI have no credible information regarding a specific threat to the homeland; nonetheless, we are releasing this bulletin to reemphasize the desire by terrorists to attack the United States. Recent attacks in Britain and an Internet slideshow from al-Qa'ida's propaganda arm promising future attacks highlight the need for law enforcement to remain vigilant for suspicious, possible pre-operational activity."

#### FBI Reaches Out to Campuses

The July 16, 2007, edition of the American Chemical Society's *Chemical and Engineering News: Government & Policy* carried an article describing the FBI Counterintelligence Division's Domain Program, which includes the Academic Alliance Unit. The Academic Alliance Unit oversees the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board (NSHEAB) and the College and University Security Effort (CAUSE).

The full article is available at <http://pubs.acs.org/email/cen/html/071707103920.html>

#### DHS Officials Reach Out to Young Multi-Cultural Leaders

In July 2007, Secretary Chertoff and other DHS officials met with more than 40 young Arab-, Muslim-, Sikh-, South Asian-, and Middle Eastern-American leaders, wrapping up a unique two-day roundtable designed to gauge the views and aspirations of young people from these communities. The participants, mostly college and graduate students completing summer internships in Washington, D.C., took part in a "Roundtable on Security and Liberty: Perspectives of Young Leaders Post-9/11." The forum was organized by the DHS Office for Civil Rights and

Civil Liberties in collaboration with the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute.

#### Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards

The Disaster Resistant University (DRU) List-serv recently carried the following message from the Chair of the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA): "...the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued an Interim Final Rule for Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (72 Federal Register 17688) on April 9, 2007. In its current form, this rule will apply to almost all colleges and universities - - small and large, public and private, urban and rural. CSHEMA is one of six higher education associations that has been asked by DHS to participate in a University Working Group to try and build a consensus on how to apply the rule to colleges and universities."

See [www.cshema.org](http://www.cshema.org) for further information.

#### FEMA National Advisory Panel

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator, David Paulison, recently announced the membership of the National Advisory Council. The Council advises the Administrator on all aspects of preparedness and emergency management in an effort to ensure close coordination with its partners across the country. Albert Najera, Chief of the Sacramento (CA) Police Department was appointed to the Council, as was John Didion, Sheriff of Pacific County (WA).

See [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for more information.

#### International Association of Emergency Managers Bulletin

The February 2008, issue of the *IAEM Bulletin* will have a special focus on campus safety. According to the DRU List-serv, the IAEM is interested in articles about campus safety programs, e.g., lessons learned about what works, funding issues, etc. The copy deadline is January 10, 2008. Articles of less than 750 words should be sent to the *IAEM Bulletin* Editor, Karen Thompson at [Thompson@iaem.com](mailto:Thompson@iaem.com).

#### Homeland Security Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently announced the final award allocations for all programs included in the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), including the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. The FY 2007 HSGP provides approximately \$1.7 Billion to states, territories, and urban areas to enhance their ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from catastrophic events, both natural and man-made.

For additional information about allocations to your state, go to [askcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov).

#### Homeland Security Academy

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched the Homeland Security Academy on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Eastern Management Development Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The full time graduate program lasts 18 months, and is open to DHS, state and local government

employees, as well as members of the military. The program is tuition-free, but employees must commit to two years of service with their respective agencies after graduation.

For additional information, please go to [www.nps.edu](http://www.nps.edu).

### Campus Community Emergency Response Training

Michigan State University's "Campus Community Emergency Response Training" is now available for delivery. Participants will be trained in the development and implementation of Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) techniques. "The goal of this program is to establish campus CERT Teams along with other best practices...campus CERT Teams support the governmental functions, programs, services, systems, and personnel that are essential to continual operations during and after a disabling catastrophic event or terrorist attack."

For additional information, go to [askcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov).

### Communities Against Terrorism

The FBI and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program recently produced a CD titled, "Communities Against Terrorism." The CD provides guides for developing partnerships with various sectors of the community, e.g., rental trucks, storage facilities, farm supply stores, etc.

You can request CDs directly from [www.slatt.org](http://www.slatt.org).

### Terrorist Tactics: Defensive Suicide Measures

On August 9, 2007, DHS and the FBI issued Intelligence Bulletin No. 264 titled, "Terrorist Tactics: Defensive Suicide Measures." This is an *Unclassified//For Official use Only* document. Key findings:

- Several terrorists operating abroad have avoided capture either by using explosives to commit suicide or by engaging law enforcement in gun battles with the intent of fighting to their death. Law enforcement personnel have been killed or injured during these incidents.
- Terrorist manuals instruct operatives to kill themselves to avoid capture. By perishing, the terrorist destroys useful evidence, including tactical information that can be gained through interrogation.
- The FBI and DHS have no specific, credible intelligence that terror suspects are planning on using this tactic in the United States. The assessment provides general terrorism-related awareness and enumerates protective measures to enhance the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens.

Intelligence Bulletin No. 264 is available at Law Enforcement OnLine.

*Crime Prevention and Control*

MS-13: An International Threat

The FBI will sponsor a multicast on **Wednesday, September 26, 2007 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (ET)** for its employees, and state and local law enforcement partners. The multicast is titled, "MS-13: An International Threat." This will be an interactive, panel discussion with the goal of fostering partnerships across all levels of law enforcement to disrupt and dismantle Mara Salvatrucha, the world's most threatening gang. Discussions will include the MS-13 National Gang Task Force's assessment of the current MS-13 situation in the United States, as well as internationally.

The multicast will be *Unclassified//For Official Use Only* and available at <https://cgate.leo.gov> and <https://fbiva.fbiacademy.edu>.

#### FBI Preliminary 2006 Crime Statistics

Violent crime in the U.S. last year increased 1.3 percent and property crime decreased 2.9 percent over 2005, according to preliminary crime statistics collected from more than 11,700 law enforcement agencies. The full report, including state-by-state breakdowns, is available on [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov).

#### IACP National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute: Violence Against Women

With support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) National Law Enforcement Leadership Initiative will promote an enhanced commitment to violence against women crimes among sworn law enforcement executives and assist these leaders in developing proactive strategies for their agencies to address violence against women.

For more information, go to [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org).

#### National Commission on Crime Prevention

According to the July 2, 2007, issue of the *IACP Capitol Report*, S.456, the Gang Abatement and Prevention Act, which was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would create a National Commission on Crime Prevention to examine prevention and intervention strategies, identify programs ready for replication, and provide funding.

For more information, go to [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org).

#### Motion Picture Release May Incite Backlash Against Law Enforcement

In July 2007, the National Gang Intelligence Center released an Intelligence Bulletin titled, "Motion Picture Release May Incite Backlash Against Law Enforcement Officers." According to the Bulletin, a major motion picture titled *Black August* is scheduled for release in Fall 2007. The film sensationalizes Black Guerilla Family (BGF) founder George Jackson, and the events surrounding his life and death at San Quentin Prison in 1971. Many BGF members blame the government for Jackson's death. As such, the film may prompt a negative reaction by BGF members toward law enforcement officials.

The "trailer" for the movie is reportedly available on YouTube.com.

## University of Utah Medical Center Shooting

Following the death of a fellow white supremacist in May 2006, who was shot by Ogden, Utah police officers, Curtis Michael Allgier pledged to kill a cop. On June 25, 2007, Allgier overpowered and killed a Utah Department of Corrections officer while being treated at the University of Utah Medical Center, and then led police on a chase through Salt Lake City before being apprehended.

**Special Note:** All of us in law enforcement have been the subject of threats; some specific and some broad-based. All of them must be taken seriously – we cannot allow ourselves to become desensitized by the volume of threats.

## FireWise Campus

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is funding *FireWise Campus* through the Center for Campus Fire Safety. This is a training program for all campus officials responsible for public safety on and off campus. The program will provide participants with best practices, and a roadmap for creating a successful campus fire safety program.

For more information, go to [www.firewisecampus.org](http://www.firewisecampus.org).

I hope this information is useful to you.

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